



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Region 1

5 Post Office Square, Suite 100

Boston, MA 02109-3912

July 29, 2015

Re: EPA's Proposed Cleanup Plan for the Commerce Street Plume Superfund Site,
Williston, Vermont

Dear Property Owner:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has information indicating that you own property at the Commerce Street Plume Superfund Site ("Site"), located in Williston, Vermont. EPA is in the process of selecting a remedy (cleanup plan) for the Site. The purpose of this letter is to encourage your participation in the remedy selection process because EPA's preferred cleanup plan involves response actions related to your property.

EPA's cleanup plan to address contamination at the Site (referred to as a preferred alternative) is summarized in a document known as a Proposed Plan. The Proposed Plan describes the Site, the cleanup alternatives considered and EPA's preferred alternative, after consulting with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. A copy of the Proposed Plan is enclosed. The plan and more information about the Site may also be found on our website at www.epa.gov/region1/superfund/sites/commercestreet.

Among other things, EPA's preferred remedy calls for institutional controls on properties in the vicinity of the 70-acre plume of groundwater contamination to prevent the potential for exposure to contamination and prevent disruption to proposed groundwater treatment and monitoring. The institutional controls include deed restrictions and/or a municipal ordinance which along with the State reclassification of groundwater to Class IV (non-potable) will limit withdrawal of groundwater to prevent the use of contaminated groundwater for drinking and other household uses, and, to prevent the groundwater plume from migrating beyond the Site boundary. Institutional controls are also proposed to protect construction workers and others performing invasive subsurface work (e.g., excavations, utility trenches) from potential inhalation of and direct contact with contaminated groundwater in saturated soils.

EPA will be accepting public comments on the proposed cleanup plan for 30 days, beginning August 6, 2015. Written comments must be postmarked or sent (in the case of email or fax) no later than September 4, 2015 via the addresses provided in the enclosed Proposed Plan. In addition, verbal comments on the proposed remedy will be accepted during a formal public hearing which is scheduled for August 12 at 8:00 p.m. at Town

Hall, 7900 Williston Road, Williston, Vermont. The hearing will be preceded by an informational meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the same location.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the land use restrictions being proposed by EPA for your property. I can be reached at 617-918-1348 or lumino.karen@epa.gov. I will also be available before the above-mentioned informational meeting on August 12 during a drop-in hour from 5:30 to 6:30 to meet with property owners to answer any questions. (Please note that questions and answers in individual conversations are not official comments for EPA's consideration; as noted above, official comments must instead be voiced during the hearing or submitted in writing in accordance with the instructions in the Proposed Plan.)

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,



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Office of Site Remediation and Restoration

Enclosure

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